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Minutes 03/01/2010

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

7:30PM O'Neill Room Community Safety Building

3/1/10

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Bayer*	Phelps	Dunn*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti*	Foskett	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Ferrara*	Franclemont	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Vicki Ford, Michael Quinn, Arlington Recycling Committee CoChair Gordon Jamieson, John Leonard, Ann Smith, Mary McCartney, Susan Doctrow, Monique Chaplin

MINUTES of 2/24 approved as amended. Unanimous

ART 59 RECYCLING COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION: Jamieson reviewed the decrease in the trash delivered to North Andover from 19K T 5 yrs ago to 15K T currently. The Recycling Committee (ARC) has worked w/ DPW to make this happen. He listed some of the steps taken: distributing more bins, helping to organize & staff Community Collection Day, helping at Arlington's Hazardous Waste Day, funding initial deployment of cardboard recycling bins at the Town Yard, and subsidizing sale of compost bins at the Eco Fest. Last year the ARC & DPW sold 50 compost bins at \$25 (cost \$65). This year the plan is to sell 100 subsidized bins at Eco Fest. He requested \$3k to continue this activity next year. VOTED \$3000 Unanimous.

ART 39 TOWN MEETING ARTICLE NOTIFICATION: Leonard is concerned that Town Meeting members realize that acceptance of state legislation (such as the increase in the restaurant meals tax last fall) usually can not be rescinded for 3 yrs. He proposed a bylaw change to notify Town Meeting in advance when votes of this kind are proposed. He agreed to a suggestion that notification in the BoS report in the comment to relevant recommended votes would be satisfactory.

The FinCom will probably not report pending action by the BoS.

ART 36 CANINE CONTROL: McCartney, supported by Smith & Doctrow stated that their objective was to allow the Park & Recreation Commission to establish off leash (voice control) hours at the Town's parks. They expect these will be early morning hours. They see no fiscal impact other than notices.

ART 51 VACATION ROLLOVER: Tosti led a discussion on what can be done to limit the accumulation of this financial obligation. He suggested adding to the current bylaw a requirement that any vacation time rolled over and not used by 3/31 be lost. Members pointed out that the existing large accumulations could not be used that quickly and suggested that they be allowed to be used over 2 yrs. Another suggestion was to limit rollover time to 3 wks

though this might be a contract issue. Tosti said the Manager thinks that there needs to be some appeal for special cases. The Personnel Director suggested that the FinCom might serve as a review board in special cases. Some members thought this would involve uncomfortable personal appeals. Tosti to work on wording taking the discussion into account.

ART 70 UNCLE SAM: An ad hoc subcommittee met w/ Selectman Rowe and others who are forming a Tourism Commission. The Commission will develop an approach to present to Town Meeting in 2011. The subcommittee suggested that this article is premature. VOTED No action Unanimous.

ART 71 TREES On SUMMER ST: PubWks SubCom (Deshler) reported that DPW planted 30 pines beside Summer St near the rink. Since these trees are under phone & power lines, they will have to be kept rather low. The steep slope below the trees is covered w/ rip rap so that planting trees there will be expensive. Tosti reported that the Manager is willing to plant additional trees at the edge of the field to improve the appearance of the bank. VOTED no action w/ Christine to draft a comment. Unanimous.

ART 24 TAX C/O CoA TRANSPORTATION: Given the Treasurer's opposition, the FinCom will not report.

BUD 18c FIRE PubSafe SubCon (Simmons) recommended the budget as printed. He said the Fire Chief will try to maintain minimum manning though this budget would fund 47 positions, 3 less than last year. Simmons was told to expect a deficit of \$60k this yr. Overtime is already over budget. Members pointed out that if the overrun were limited to \$60k, it would be a sizable improvement over last yr. One new expense is EMT biannual recertification @ \$340/person. Jones & Simmons to find out whether the IT Dept is involved in arranging the computer contracts for AFD.

VOTED \$5,463,081. 15-1

BUD 10 LEGAL: GenGov SubCon (Howard) recommended the budget as printed.. He discussed the legal expenses. DuBois described the status of the sidewalk near Dallin School. VOTED: \$409,316 Unanimous

COMMITTEE: No mtg 3/3. Chair requested members to reserve Sat 4/17 for possible meeting to adjust budgets according to the House budget which is due out by then.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$508,915.92

Peter B Howard 3/2/10 modified 3/8/10

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 2/10	#	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
20			PAYT			request Manager
24			Tax Checkoff for CoA Transportation	2/24	3/1	No report
26			Double Pole Home Rule Legis			request Manager
28			Pension Liability Funding			request Manager
29			Transfer Crosby			request Manager
30			Transfer Parmenter			request Manager
31			Sell Crosby			request Manager
32			Sell Parmenter			request Manager
33			Accept Law to Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			Reorg Com in April
34			Consolidate Twn & Sch Admin			Reorg Com in April
36			Dog Control	3/1		

37		Compensation of Selectmen			
39		Additional Warrant Article notification	3/1		No report
47		Collective Bargaining			
48		Future Collective Bargaining			
49		Salary Adjustment Elected Officials			
50		Positions Reclassification			
51		Vacation Time Bylaw			
52		Budgets			
53		Capital Budget			3/15
54		Rescind authority to borrow			
55		Sewers			3/17
56		Water			3/17
57		Minuteman Tech	2/22		2/22
58		Minutean Tech Bond Authorization	2/22		2/22
59		Committees & Commissions	2/17, 3/1	2/17, 3/1	\$14,760, \$5000 for ARC
60		Celebrations			
61		Misc Appropriations			
62		Scholarship Fund Expenses			
63		Pension Adjustment			
64		Safe Routes to School			
65		Harry Barber Service Program	2/24		HumServ SubCom
66		Minuteman Senior Services	2/24		HumServ SubCom
67		Social Worker	2/24		HumServ SubCom
68		Traffic Supervisors	2/24	2/24	No action
69		Water Bodies	2/17	2/17	\$15,000
70		Uncle Sam	2/17	3/1	No action
71		Restore Trees	2/17	3/1	No action, Desheler comment
72		Local Option Taxes			
73		OPEB			
74		Tip Fee Stab Fund			
75		Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
76		Overlay Reserve			
77		Stabilization Fund			
78		Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
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1	FinCom	2/22	2/22	10,988	
2	Board of Selectmen				
3	Town Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Information Technology	2/22	2/22	491,878	
6	Comptroller	2/22	2/22	399,044	
7	Treasurer				
8	Postage				
9	Assessors				
10	Legal	3/1	3/1	409,316	
11	Town Clerk				
12	Registrar of Voters				
13	Parking				
14	Planning				
15	Redevelopment Board				
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/24	2/24	23,890	
17	Public Works				
17a	Street Lights				
18a	Community Safety Admin				
18b	Police				
18c	Fire	3/1	3/1	5,463,081	15-1
18d	Support				
19	Inspections				
20	Education				
21	Library	2/22	2/22	1,888,852	12-1
22a	Health & Human Services				
22b	Veterans				
22c	COA				
23	Retirement				
24	Insurance				
25	Reserve Fund				=
W&S EF	Rev 16383255 Exp 16383255				
Rec EF	Rev 600,500, Exp 597,132				
Rnk EF	Rev 567,000, Exp 560,267				
COA EF	Rev 115136, Exp 111133				
Youth EF	Rev 85000, Exp 403494				

